

## INVITES STUDENT TO JUDGE DRESDEN

DRESDEN — A Montreal student who asked Dresden officials to provide her with information on the town's racial relationship for a term paper may be invited to visit Dresden to garner her own impressions.

Dr. P. Laird Gibbs, Dresden mayor, Monday night read a letter from the Montreal girl, asking for detail information on racial discrimination ex-

isting in Dresden for her school project.

Council turned the letter over to the Kinetite Club for action, after the mayor suggested it would be poor policy, and would create the wrong impression, if it was ignored.

A visit to Dresden over the Christmas holidays to see existing conditions would be fairer for the town, Dr. Gibbs suggested.

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## Mr. Diefenbaker Charms Students

WALLACEBURG — A jovial, relaxed John Diefenbaker started a two-day hop through two Western Ontario ridings yesterday, shaking hands, sight-seeing and worrying his schedule-minded aides by lingering to chat at every opportunity.

The leader of the opposition started his day at 5 a.m. in Ottawa, and his activities gave him little time to rest until well into the evening.

He charmed more than 1,500 high school students in Wallaceburg and Dresden, discovered Uncle Tom's Cabin, talked business with Lambton-Kent Progressive Conservatives and addressed a public meeting here.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Diefenbaker, M. T. McCutcheon, Conservative MP for Lambton-Kent, Dr. J. R. Holmes, president of the riding PC organization, and J. Ian Campbell, Ontario PC organizer.

The former prime minister was in top form for his addresses to the students—"few low students" as he called them. "A wonderful group was his reaction to the enthusiastic youngsters."

A special treat awaited Mrs. Diefenbaker at Wallaceburg District Secondary School, where students were observing "career day." Mrs. Diefenbaker, formerly with the guidance branch of the Ontario department of education, was one of the pioneers of "career days" in Ontario.

She stayed at the school to visit during the afternoon while her husband moved on to Lambton-Kent District High School, Dresden.

The Conservative leader talked of careers—especially in the public service.

"Whatever your dreams," he told 1,000 students in Wallaceburg, "continue to follow them as long as they are in the public interest."

With the Bill of Rights, (which he sponsored as prime minister), he told about 500 students in Dresden, there was no reason why any of you could not become the leader of this nation. This wasn't possible a few years ago.

"Everyone of you has an individuality... you can either use it for your country, or

you can neglect it."

He also talked of discrimination. The Bill of Rights, he said, has given equality to all, regardless of race, color or religion.

There also is equality of sexes, he said, drawing applause from the female students in his audience by pointing out that he was the first to bring a woman into the Canadian cabinet (Ellen Fairclough).

"Every change that has ever occurred was first thought of in the mind of some boy or girl," he said.

He urged students to remain in Canada, even if it might be more profitable for them to go to the United States. "Stay in Canada and build it."

## Wilkins Calls For No Letup

NEW YORK — (UPI) — Negro Leader Roy Wilkins pledged that his race will measure up to the responsibilities facing the nation as a result of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) said "for his part the Negro will expand his already wide, but unheralded assumption of responsibility."

The prominent civil rights spokesman addressed a freedom house award dinner honoring Mrs. Medgar Evers, wife of the slain Mississippi State Secretary of the NAACP.

Wilkins called these days a "testing time" for freedom the world over and said "the first step, obviously, is prompt enactment of the pending civil rights bill."

Praising the late President as "our gallant young leader," Wilkins said "each of us senses that the sickness affecting our country is deeper than the tragedy" which claimed Kennedy's life.

"... The perceptive among us point the finger at the vocal vermin, the poison pen 'patriots,' the suage salesmen of superiority, the analyzing anesthetists and the hawkers of hate," he said.

"These people," he said, "not the miserable (Lee H.) Oswald, slew John Fitzgerald Kennedy."

Mrs. Evers, whose husband was assassinated earlier this year, told the gathering of some 800 persons that her husbands killing paralleled in many ways the death of Kennedy.

However, she said, "The man who pulled these triggers seemed to forget that you can kill a man, but you cannot kill an idea."

Another speaker, the Rev. Martin Luther King, blamed "a morally inclement climate" for Kennedy's death and added "... in a sense we are all participants in that horrible act that tarnished the image of our nation."

## HISTORY OF THE ONTARIO NEGROES

An exhibition of the Negro in Ontario in the 19th century, with items and manuscripts depicting Negro life in the province opened recently in Toronto and includes a map showing "Underground Railroad" escape routes used by about 75,000 Negroes who sought to escape slavery in the U.S. by fleeing to Canada.

The display at the Toronto Public Library's fine art gallery included an advertisement that appeared in the Upper Canada Gazette of March 1, 1806. It read:

"To be sold. A black woman named Peggy, aged about 40 years and a black boy, her son, named Jupiter, aged about 15 years, both of them the property of the subscriber..."

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